## innovation to meet the CLIMATE CHALLENGE

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### THE FUTURE OF MATERIALS AND ENERGY **Carbon Fiber Production**



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#### End – Scenario: using natural CO<sub>2</sub>



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#### **Carbon negativity** is being reached by:

- making of the fiber precursor from algal oil
- using focused sunlight for simultaneous fiber + electricity production
- replacement of steel, aluminum and concrete by carbon fibers + minerals
- separation of carbon and minerals after use
- storage of solid state carbon underground
- leading over time to **carbon negativity** in case we make the material out of natural  $CO_2 \rightarrow$  withdrawel of 4 Gt  $CO_2/a$



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Start – Scenario: using sequestered  $CO_2$ 



Sequestered CO<sub>2</sub> from process gas or PP-gas

#### Carbon neutrality, algae in tanks :

- land use 0.5 mio sq miles in deserts close to salt water
- to produce 1,1 Gt/a of carbon fibers to replace first steel and later cement over time
- and biodiesel as side product to drive all industrial transportation for example
- such scenario is leading to carbon neutrality
- financial analysis indicates feasibility with 100\$ carbon credits per ton of CO<sub>2</sub>



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## Carbon fibers are already used in applications like





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If we are to make it for a below 2°C target, we need to:

- I. Reduce greenhouse gas CO<sub>2</sub> release by implementing renewables
- 2. Establish CO<sub>2</sub> neutrality by CO<sub>2</sub> absorption of process gases (cement + steel) and Power Plants
- 3. Transformation of CO<sub>2</sub> into climate relevant amounts of carbon fibers to reach CO<sub>2</sub> negativity
- 4. Enabling a long term safe Carbon-storage strategy (for millions of years)

- needed investment \$ 600 Million per plant like "Moses Lake/BMW" with 9kt/a of carbon fibers
- until 2100  $\rightarrow$  1,1 Gt/a  $\rightarrow$  100.000 x Moses Lake  $\rightarrow$  **\$700 Billion/a**  $\rightarrow$  **1 % of GDP**

Financial analysis predicts at least 5% annual return of investment for the transformation into a carbon based economy.





- final withdrawel of  $CO_2 \rightarrow 4$  Gt/a
- in 2500 → 1600 GtCO<sub>2</sub>

# **Thank You**



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